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(Continued.)

"Hello! Give me 4000 Jersey City, please. Hello! Is this the Jersey railroad? Give me the lost articles clerk, please. Hello! This is Mrs. Robert Strickland of New York city. Mrs. Robert Strickland. That's right. Have you found a purse belonging to me? Are you sure? Why I don't know. I came in from Long Branch yesterday, and when I got off the train I noticed that my hand bag was open. The purse must have fallen out. Yes, I've telephoned to the station master at Long Branch several times. No, I haven't. He referred me to you. The



"I think she may testify," said Judge Dinmore.

came from Long Branch, yesterday. A small black velvet purse. About \$40 in bills, some visiting cards, with my name and address on them, and some very important memoranda. I wish you would. Very well. Goodbye."

For a moment longer Mrs. Strickland sat at the table, with elbows resting thereon and face between two clenched fists. There was an intent, staring look in her eyes. She turned and faced Doris, who had emerged from behind the sofa. The appearance of the child startled the mother.

"Doris!" she exclaimed. "Where did you come from?"

"I was sitting behind the sofa, mamma. Was it that nice, soft, black, little purse you lost?"

So the child had overheard the telephone talk! And Robert was coming!



Doris Took the Traveling Bag.

home that night! Doris must have warned!

The mother's voice was very quiet and earnest, and the words came slowly as she said:

"Listen to me, Doris, dear. When I don't want you to do anything to him about the purse, he gets angry if he knows it's lost, and he'll worry about it. You don't want to worry daddy, do you?"

"No. But, mamma, weren't you shopping yesterday?"

"Of course, dear."

"But you told the man you were at Long Branch."

"It was a friend of mine who was there," said Mrs. Strickland. "I loaned her the purse, and she lost it."

"Who was it?" asked Doris.

"You don't know her, dear?"

"Why did you lend her your purse?"

"Because she didn't have any money of her own."

There was a puzzled look on the child's face as she replied. As she told Judge Dinmore later, she had been trained, and by the very mother who was now fibbing to her, to tell the truth in any circumstances. So she said:

"But, mamma, wasn't it fibbing to tell the man?"

"No. I'll explain some other time. Now promise mamma you won't say anything."

"I promise," said little Doris.

And now came a great event in the life of Doris—the homecoming after a few days' absence of her dear, beloved daddy. She had missed him greatly, so that it was with great joy she heard his voice in the anteroom saying to the Stricklands' maid:

"Hello, Bertha! How are you? Everybody all right?"

Almost before Bertha could reply Doris ran from the room, crying:

"It's daddy, mamma! It's daddy!"

Still outside the room in which his wife waited, silent, for him, Strickland called out:

"Yes, it's your old daddy. Hello, sweetheart!"

There was a boisterous meeting of father and little daughter in the anteroom.

"Hello, daddy dear! What have you got for me?" asked Doris.

"Something wonderful!" replied Strickland. "Give me another kiss. Are you glad to see your daddy?"

"Oh, mamma and I have been so lonesome!"

"Where is mamma?"

"In here," said Doris, and she took her daddy by the hand and led him into the sitting room. At one side stood the wife. As her husband entered she made one step toward him and then hesitated, waiting. Strickland was still busied with his little daughter. He handed his traveling bag to her, and she stood holding it in her two small hands, for it was heavy, while May, overcoming her hesitation, ran to her husband. Her voice was affectionate, but high pitched, as she embraced him and said:

"Robert, dear, I'm so glad you're back!"

Her words were sincere, and her outward manner was that of a loving wife, glad to welcome back her husband after an unavailing separation. To the latter, happy in the reunion with his wife and child, there was nothing strange in the greetings.

But a close observer might have noted that the manner of May Strickland at this time was strained and unnatural, almost hysterical. She was keyed to too high a point. Her motions were strained and jerky, as though her limbs moved in response to nerves that were stretched taut. The face she showed to Robert was aglow with welcome, but when he turned aside for a moment to speak with Doris the eyes took on a staring, strained expression in which one might read horror, almost.

Was it the loss of the purse that perturbed her so? Whatever it was, while her husband's attention was distracted by the child, she made a great and successful effort to calm herself. Strickland stilled the clamors of Doris long enough to turn to his wife and say:

"It's good to be back. By Jove, I was homesick!"

"Those few days seemed like ages," said May. "Didn't it seem a long time, Doris?"

"Oh, an awfully long time!" said Doris. "Whenever the clock struck today I wished it was time for you to be here. Didn't I, mamma?"

"Well," said Strickland, "next time we will all go together."

"Everything's all right, then?" asked May.

"Yes; just as I wrote you."

"Have you had your dinner, Robert?"

"No; I was so anxious to get home that I didn't stop."

"You must be famished. I'll have Bertha get some dinner ready for you. It won't take long."

"Thanks, dear." And to Doris, who had gone to her beloved dolls again, Strickland said, "Come here."

"I'm leaving you in good hands," said May as she left the room to superintend the preparation of her husband's dinner.

"Of course you were promoted; didn't expect anything else. You're in the grammar school now?"

"Yes," said Doris proudly. With mock sorrow Strickland went on:

"Oh, dear; oh, dear; at this rate you'll soon be through college!"

"I don't want to go to college," said Doris. "I want to be a cook, with a big white apron and lots of shiny pans, so that I can make cookies and pies and bread and give them to the heathens."

"To the heathens?"

"Yes; I'm learning to cook, daddy. I helped Aunt Helen yesterday."

"Were you at Aunt Helen's yesterday?"

"Yes, all day, because mamma was downtown shopping."

"And what did you do today?"

"Today I stayed home and played house. We were going to the park, but mamma wanted to lie down, so we didn't go."

"Isn't mamma well?"

"She has a headache."

"Has she had it long?"

"No, only today. Did you get a house, daddy?"

"Yes, a nice white house, with a large garden."

The description pleased Doris, and she clapped her hands.

"And cows, daddy?" she asked.

"No, no cows, but lots of flowers and a dog."

"Oh, a big dog?"

"Yes, and now let me show you what daddy brought you."

Doris jumped off his knee with the exclamation, "Something for me?"

"Yes, something nice," said Strickland, and the two walked to the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland were rejoicing over the birth of a son, which arrived a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Edwards, Miss Agnes Seelye, Miss Mae Freeborne, Ernest Williams and Harold Williams attended the wedding and dance given at the Redding Grange hall on Tuesday evening.

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## LONG TERM MAN'S WIFE IS GRANTED DEGREE OF DIVORCE

Melnikoff in Prison For 25 to 30 Years for Attacking Child.

Abraham Melnikoff of this city, who is serving a 25 to 30-year sentence in Wethersfield prison for attacking a minor child, was the defendant in a divorce suit tried last week before Judge Case in the superior court. Beside Melnikoff was granted the decree after court records, showing Melnikoff's sentence, had been introduced. He was convicted in the criminal superior court here Dec. 1, 1910. Mrs. Melnikoff's maiden name was Jessie Kusnitz. She married the defendant June 17, 1907.

Ruth Madden Hoyt of Norwalk was given a divorce from William G. Hoyt of Naco, Ariz., who deserted her three days after their marriage in March, 1912.

Martha May Wood of New Canaan was freed from Ernest Wood of Providence, R. I., on the ground of desertion, April 1, 1911. Mrs. Wood, whose maiden name was Martha Shears, married the defendant Jan. 9, 1910.

Lena Fisher of this city was granted a divorce from Fred Fisher of Westbrook, Me. Described as a "deserted wife," the couple were married Oct. 30, 1899. Mrs. Fisher's maiden name was Lena Barber.

The court granted a decree to Mary Arnold of this city, who said Edward Arnold of Westburytown, N. Y., deserted her February 1, 1910. Mrs. Arnold, whose maiden name was Mary Anderson, married Arnold Feb. 22, 1909.

Sadie Walker Breen of this city was allowed a separation from Harry Breen of Washington, D. C. The couple were married June 17, 1911 and Mrs. Breen claimed she was deserted June 6, 1912.

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